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REVIEW OF COUNTY FOOD SERVICE CONTRACTS

Five Los Angeles County (County) departments have a total of 34 contracts with various vendors for food services at hospitals, juvenile halls, and other County facilities, at a total cost of approximately \$44 million a year. The Auditor-Controller (A-C) recently reviewed the County's food service contracts to determine whether the contracts required the vendors to share any cost savings that they realize with the County, and to ensure that the County received the required services at the appropriate prices. The review noted that the County may not be realizing all cost savings opportunities for the contracts, and, in some cases, may be paying more for the services than is necessary.

The Chief Executive Office is currently working on a project to standardize contracting terms and increase the efficiency of the County's contracting process. Standardization of the County's food services contracts in particular would be fiscally prudent and produce benefits that have a countywide impact.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), County Counsel, and the Directors of the Departments of Internal Services, Public Health, Health Services, Probation, Community and Senior Services, Children and Family Services, and Parks and Recreation to form a work group to develop a standardized framework for food services contracts that complies with previously adopted Board policies. The CEO shall report back to the Board, in writing, within 60 days with recommendations, the benefits that could accrue from each recommendation, and an implementation timeline.
2. Instruct the CEO and the Directors of the Departments of Health Services, Probation, Community and Senior Services, Children and Family Services, and Parks and Recreation to implement the recommendations from the Auditor-Controller's September 28, 2012 report.

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